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Attn.: Rick Breitenbach

Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

As a citizen and as a member of Cal Trout, I have a number of concerns about CALFED's recently-released Phase II report. I hope CALFED will take the following into account in evaluating public comment.

In summary, I believe better solutions than the current Phase II alternatives exist.

CALFED is wrongly considering construction of surface dams and reservoirs -- California already has adequate developed water. The key is efficient use. Ground water storage is a much better alternative than more dams, and CALFED should be emphasizing conservation rather than new construction. Clearly, agriculture and municipalities must also be more efficient in the use of water.

As a taxpayer, I oppose further public subsidy for dam-building. As a citizen and a member of Cal Trout, I believe CALFED needs to provide water for environmental purposes without doing further damage to ecosystems and must make a greater effort to improve water quality. In regards to the latter, I believe CALFED's plans must place greater emphasis on eliminating toxins, pesticides, and animal waste from waterways, and must better manage salinity levels in the Bay/Delta, protect the water resources of the Sierra Nevada, and encourage new drinking water technologies.

Sincerely,



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